



# Welcome to St. Nicholas Parish Church 'Knowing, Growing, Sharing in the love of Christ'

Hi Everyone,

We hope you are all continuing to keep well, here is the newsletter for Sunday 13th December which is Advent 3. We are back in the building and open to welcome you back to our Advent 3 10.30am service.

Our Sunday service this week will be presented from Church as a live service and on-line at 10.30 am. You can access the service via the link on our website [www.st-nicholas-church.org.uk](http://www.st-nicholas-church.org.uk) or via the you tube links below. The service for 13<sup>th</sup> December will be a Eucharist to celebrate Advent 3. The service will be led by Rachel accompanied by Ollie Mills who will sing during the service, Patrick Thom who is on placement with us will be involved as well as the Churchwardens



Here are the links to the 10.30am services for the next two weeks,

Sunday 13th December - Advent 3 [https://youtu.be/fxsUxLlme\\_k](https://youtu.be/fxsUxLlme_k)

Sunday 20th December - Advent 4 [https://youtu.be/ctS\\_99r4CX0](https://youtu.be/ctS_99r4CX0)

If you watch our services on 'You tube' please follow us and leave us some comments, we want to spread the word that our services are on line and that our community is growing.

## Readings for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December, ADVENT 3

OT. Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11, Psalm 126 N.T Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24,

Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28

## Prayer List from November 2020

The prayer and anniversary list will continue to be an important part of our prayer life and pastoral care and from now on they will be displayed above the votive candle stand in church. The prayer list will be displayed for one month at a time and will then be refreshed.

We do want to continue to add the names of those who need our prayers to the prayer list so please pass on any names for the list to Rachel, Alison, or Jane. Once the Church building re-opens for Worship, members of the congregation will be able to add names to the prayer and anniversary list.



Thank you all those who joined our Gathering, Sharing, Praying Group last Monday evening. We discussed week 2 of Advent and used the book, A Journey with the Apostles, by Tom Wright, we ended our meeting with a short Taize meditation kindly delivered by Grace Manley. The group will be meeting from 7.00 to 7.45 pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December for our final Advent session, evening prayer during this final session will be delivered by Rachel. *Please let Alison know if you would like to join the group and she will send you a link to join the virtual meetings, please contact [alison@st-nicholas-church.org.uk](mailto:alison@st-nicholas-church.org.uk).*

# Christmas Services

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 3.00pm, Christmas Carol Service**, more information will follow about this service.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December 11.30 pm Midnight Eucharist**, in Church, all welcome

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10.30 am Christmas Day** Relaxed service to celebrate this special day. Service will be streamed, link to follow.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December** -there will be no service, Rachel and Ollie are taking a well-deserved break as are all clergy in the Diocese of Manchester.

## Date for your diary

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am** you are all invited to join us for a Zoom 'Pet Service'. Please bring your pet and a coffee or tea and join in the fun. Christmas jumpers and decorations are essential. Rachel will lead the service and she will be joined by Ollie and his two kittens Ollie will provide musical accompaniment.

Please send Rachel an email if you would like to join this service. Pets are welcome on Zoom but if you don't have a pet, please join us and watch the service. Everyone is welcome, this will be great fun!

## Information from the Church of England's website



### Preparing for Advent & Christmas 2020: Comfort and Joy

Comfort and Joy holds together the hope that Christmas will bring joy and celebration after a uniquely difficult year with an acknowledgement that – for those who have lost loved ones or livelihoods, or who are potentially still not able to be together with loved ones – it may be the Church's role, both nationally and locally, to provide consolation, rather than assume everyone will be ready to join in jubilation.

[Welcome to the Church of England's official website | The Church of England](#)

Sign up for the Church of England 'Comfort and Joy' daily reflections leading up to Christmas by visiting the website which is linked in the title here.

## Daily Hope

Daily Hope is a free phone number (0800 804 8044) offering music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. We are delighted that the Comfort and Joy reflections, services and some of the music will also be available throughout Advent and Christmas. This will enable as many people as possible to access the content we are developing.

St.Nicholas Club Draw, congratulations to the November 2020 winners:	
First prize £25 (58) Julie Brownsell	Second Prize £15 (42) Sophie Scott
St.Nicholas Club Draw, congratulations to the December 2020 winners:	
First prize £25 (56) Caroline Abiodun	Second Prize (65) St.Nick's kindly donated by Jill Lomas

**A message from our Treasurer:**

If you would like to contribute to church funds on a regular basis, please set up a standing order direct into our bank account. Forms are available on the website and here is a link to the form.

<http://www.st-nicholas-church.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/SNC-Regular-donation-form.pdf>

All you need to do is print then complete the form and return it to me to process.

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 St Nicholas Church Treasurer  
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Church bank account details for BACS:	
Account details:	NatWest Bank (Didsbury)
Account Name:	St Nicholas Church PCC
Account number:	02047578
Sort code:	01-02-69

If you would prefer to send a contribution by cheque, please make the cheque payable to 'St.Nicholas PCC' and post it to me using the details shown above. For us to claim Gift Aid, please ensure that any reference you use allows us to identify you. Please add a reference of your initials and postcode e.g. AJM SK91EH

*Thank you,* Andrew Mills Treasurer

## **Birthday and anniversary celebrations**

**Many congratulations to the following members of our Church family:**

### **December birthdays**

- Irene Smith Congratulations on your 75<sup>th</sup> birthday Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December
- Ruth Cole Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December
- Lorna Mills Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December
- Charlotte Bodgers Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December
- Katy Vickers Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December